

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Social Services	(2) MEETING DATE 10/20/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Arya Jones 788-2807	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a resolution recognizing the fifth anniversary and the achievements of the Transitional Age Youth Financial Assistance Program (TAY-FAP) in San Luis Obispo County. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board adopt the attached resolution recognizing the many achievements and successes of the Transitional Age Youth Financial Assistance Program (TAY-FAP) on its fifth anniversary.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? N/A
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Morgan Torell			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

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TO: Board of Supervisors

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board adopt the attached resolution recognizing the many achievements and successes of the Transitional Age Youth Financial Assistance Program (TAY-FAP) on its fifth anniversary.

DISCUSSION

The Transitional Age Youth Financial Assistance Program (TAY-FAP) began implementation five years ago. It serves young adults ages 18-24 who were in foster care at some point or who may still be in foster care as a Non-Minor Dependent (youth may choose to stay in foster care as a Non-Minor Dependent until the age of 21, due to legislation enacted in 2012). To qualify for the program, participants must be pursuing secondary education (community college, university, technical college or trade school). Youth who have been in the foster care system often face seemingly insurmountable obstacles when pursuing secondary education, including: lack of financial resources, lack of emotional and physical support, difficulty with reliable transportation, and/or lack of stable housing. Funding from the TAY-FAP program helps students address these obstacles by offering financial assistance for education costs, including the supplies and fees associated with secondary education, and assisting with transportation and housing issues. This innovative program makes secondary education more attainable, so that these young adults can achieve their educational goals.

The program has served 169 youth with the following services: case management support; matching youth with affordable housing and meeting their transportation needs; providing them with necessary school supplies, textbooks, lab fees and/or meeting other school-related expenses; helping them to meet urgent, essential or emergency-related needs; and providing youth with a savings match of up to \$100 per month that is made payable to the youth when they exit TAY-FAP to help them secure permanency post-program. On average, each participant receives \$4,600 per year in assistance, representing the gap between other financial resources and the students' needs.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The Department of Social Services and Family Care Network, Inc. have teamed together to serve youth who are transitioning into adulthood.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

This item has no impact to the Department of Social Services' adopted level of General Fund support.

RESULTS

Over the last five years, TAY-FAP has served 169 transitional age youth and celebrated 21 documented graduations—six of these students having earned their Associate Degrees before transferring to a four-year university; 12 of these students having earned a vocational certification/degree; and the remaining three students having earned their bachelor's degree from a four-year university with one of them continuing on to graduate school. To date, there are another 69 students currently enrolled in academic programs while being served through TAY-FAP, each working to fulfill their dreams of higher education. Five TAY-FAP students over the last five years were also young parents who required additional support as they faced increased obstacles in their efforts to achieve their life goals. Through TAY-FAP, these young parents received help in meeting their basic and educational needs, enabling them to focus on caring for their children and achieving their academic goals, thus greatly increasing their ability to succeed and provide for their families.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution to recognize the fifth anniversary of the TAY-FAP Program